



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FROM FEBRUARY 17/18 SERMON

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1. After completing the Temple, the Israelites celebrated with great joy. Read [Ezra 6:16, 22](#). What causes you to celebrate the great goodness of God?
2. Between Ezra 6 and 7, there is a gap of 57 years. Read the following passages in Malachi to determine the spiritual state of the Israelites. [Malachi 1:6-14](#); [2:7](#), [13-16](#); [3:5](#), [7-10](#).
3. King Artaxerxes generously gave Ezra many provisions. Read [Ezra 7:11-26](#). What provisions did Artaxerxes provide? What was his motive?
4. Read [Ezra 7:27-28](#). How did Ezra respond to Artaxerxes' generosity?
5. Read [Ezra 7:6 and 7:9](#). What does the writer mean by "the hand of the Lord his God was on him?" How is God's hand on us today?
6. The trip from Babylon was a four-month dangerous journey. Why did Ezra not ask for a military escort? Read [Ezra 8:21-23](#).
7. Read [Ezra 7:10](#). What does it mean to set your heart on something?
8. Read [Psalm 19:7-11](#) and [2 Timothy 3:16-17](#). Why is the study of God's Word critical for spiritual growth?
9. Read [James 1:22-24](#). This passage discusses the critical nature of applying God's Word to our lives.
10. Discuss ways in which every believer can teach God's Word.